

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Gil opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:05PM.

SELECTMEN IN ATTENDANCE:

Gilbert S. Harris, Joanne L. Andrews, Dorothy M. Richard, Heath D. Edgerly

ATTENDEES:

- Derek Welch, Dave Candage, Merrill Farrand

MINUTES:

- Dottie asked that the approval for the minutes of the August 10th meeting be put off because she has not had a chance to read them.

WARRANT:

- Joanne **motioned** to approve the warrant as written. Dottie **second**. **All** were in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- Cash flow review: Gil said that due to Wendy who is usually in charge of telling everyone about this report not being at the meeting it will be put on next week's agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sidewalk snow removal contract: Gil told everyone that the draft for this is written and the Board will review and vote on it next week. Heath told everyone that there is some literature that they need to add. Gil told everyone that they are going to model it after the other snow removal contract with terminology given to the Board by the town attorney.
- Ambulance quote: Gil told everyone about the Special Town Meeting on August 31st to get the public involved in it and Dottie told him that the warrants just need to be signed and Gil said that they would sign them after the meeting.
- Library employee hire update: Gil read a letter from Cindy Smith saying that due to a scheduling conflict they have rescinded their job offer and ask the Board to approve the hiring of Dimitra Pellegrino, Joanne **motioned** that we approve Dimitra Pellegrino for the new Library hire. Dottie **second**. Heath brought up it being pending a background check and Joanne amended her motion to include pending a background check. **All** were in favor.
- It was brought up that the Code of Ethics just needs to be signed which they will do after the meeting.
- Inspection of public building for ADA/ voting compliance: Gil said that it had been sent and they are just waiting for a reply from Augusta for what is next. Joanne brought up that the signs should be coming from Bob Richardson for the van parking outback. Heath asked about the painting of the symbol and Joanne said that there does not need to be a symbol just

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the striping, Heath asked who was going to do it and he was told that Bob and Steve Richardson would take care of it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- MMA LPC Ballot: Gil told the Board that they had received a letter from MMA about the Board putting a vote in for a Legal Policy Committee member. He told them that some districts have two candidates and others like Limerick have one candidate because the other one is appointed. Gil read the candidate profile of Gary Lamb, Town Administrator in Waterboro. Dottie **motioned** that we vote in Gary Lamb. Joanne **second**. Three were in favor, Heath abstained.
- Clean-up of town properties: Gil said that he had talked to the Custodian about what he does and Gil was told that the Custodian when he goes to the town properties he takes care of what needs to be taken care of and if it is beyond his capacity then he is to bring it to the Selectmen. Joanne brought up having someone part time to cover the weekends and vacations the Custodian takes. Dottie brought up that it would be for next year and Heath agreed that it would be put into the budget for next year. Gil brought up that discussing it would include having a list of all town properties. Dottie asked about the Pickerel Pond boat launch and who owns it. Joanne brought up that the abutters had gotten it surveyed and that she does not remember the outcome. Gil brought up that they would have to figure out who owns it and Joanne said that most of it would be state property and that she does not think the town has anything to do with it. Heath asked who put the signs up and Joanne told him that the town had put them up. Joanne told the Board that for a number of years they had applied for an \$800 stipend for someone to take care of it and the Pickerel Pond people asked the Board to stop, which they did. Dave Candage asked if this was the boat launch on Central Ave and he was told yes. Heath said that they should definitely find out the details.
- Workshops: The Board discussed what to include in the workshop the next Monday night before the regular meeting and they decided to have it on finalizing the sidewalks and the bid/purchase policy.
- Dottie **motioned** to accept the Meeting Agenda Policy as written. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor.
- Intersection route 5 @ Range E/ Burnham Roads: The Board discussed the meeting that Joanne, Gil, and Dottie had attended with DOT to discuss the intersection and the options they have to make it less dangerous. The one option that resonated the most was putting a 4-way stop and that the representative from DOT said that it was feasible due to the amount of accidents and that they had received a packet with the amount and severity of the accidents. Dottie said that she will scan it in and send it to Laura to have her put it on the website. Gil brought up that he had written a letter with the approval of the Board to have the suggestion of a 4-way stop to be done, Gil read the letter. Dottie **motioned** to approve that letter to go to DOT. Joanne **second**. Heath brought up that he was unable to go to the meeting but he does not believe putting a 4-way stop there is a good idea because they cannot get people to stop at the other two stop signs that are there and he agreed with better visibility and slower speed limits and that he would need more information before voting on it. Dottie brought up that it is 45 mph and there were people were going 55 mph and that DOT said that even lowering the speeds wouldn't matter and that the 4-way stop has been affective in other areas that have a higher amount of accidents. Heath brought up that the Fire Chief had said that since the signs with the flashing lights have been put in there has been a drastic

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reduction in accidents. Dottie told him that the Fire Chief was there and he agreed with the 4-way stop. Heath asked to have it put off for a week. Gil brought up that there would be LED warning lights and Dottie said that there would be signs that would say there is going to be a change in traffic. Dottie rescinded her motion and Joanne rescinded her second and the Board decided to table it till next week. Joanne brought up that DOT said that they would be taking down two big trees that are in the states right of way.

- Zoning Ordinance: Dottie brought up that the Planning Board is asking for articles to be put on the November ballot. Dottie **motioned** that we add these to the ballot for the November voting. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor. Heath brought up that article about having all committee meetings be televised and how the Board decided that it was probably not a good idea. Dottie brought up that the Board had discussed it would be put on the ballot in March and Heath said that he did not want it on the ballot in March and that he did not understand why it could not be put on in November because they have plenty of time to be able to do so and asked if the Planning Board can put something on the ballot why not a Selectman. Dottie brought up that the way they had discussed it was that the townspeople could send in their opinions on what they would want to happen to the Selectmen's Secretary. Heath asked how this would happen and Dottie told him that anyone watching could send their opinions to the secretary. Gil read a letter from the Library Board of Trustees about requesting to not have to have their meetings televised and Heath asked that if committees no longer want to be televised and decide amongst them that they do not want to be then that's okay. Gil brought up that it was just input from one of the departments. Heath brought up that before when they made a recommendation on the Fire Department that people still voted for it and that people are happy that they have someone they can come to. Dottie asked how many people had come to Heath and he asked why it mattered and Dottie told him that it would have to be a fair amount of people who want this because it is a budgetary item and will cost more. Heath said that it would cost nothing to put it on the ballot and it was said that they were going to put it on the ballot but it would have to be put on in March because there is no funding to do it this year. Joanne brought up that she cannot see the Fire Department doing it and Heath told her that he had talked to them and they would be okay with coming up and using the cameras at the Brick Town Hall and he said that he does not see why it can't be put on November and that he has another article for the Community Garden he is working on.
- Heating Fuel bid: Heath asked if he could have the copy of it because he had a request from a company and Dottie told him it was for discussion and that it is just the generic one they always use. Heath **motioned** to stick with our generic bid form for the Heating Fuel. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor. Dottie said that she would email it to the secretary so it can be sent to the paper for the next two weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Heath read the announcements.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

- The secretary read a comment from a townspeople about the 4-way stop at Route 5, Burnham, and Range E Roads intersection and how it is not a good idea unless they do more than just the stop sign. Heath brought up that there are pros and cons to everything and that

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his concern is with the heavier vehicles and people acting erratically. Gil brought up that they had decided to defer action until the next week.

ADJOURN MEETING:

- Dottie **motioned** to adjourn. Joanne **second**. **All** were in favor.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

These minutes were approved by the Limerick Board of Selectmen on: August 24, 2020

End of Broadcast

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Davis

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By Gail Libby